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Our Lady of Mercy Parish

June 13, 2021



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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM

Sunday 8:30AM & 10:30AM

Please note: Due to the Holiday and town parade, there will be no 10:30 Mass on Sunday, July 4, 2021

Weekdays Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri 8:30AM

Holy Days 8:30AM and anticipated vigil 7:00PM

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00-3:45PM

By appointment: please call the office to schedule with Fr. Paul.

Baptism

Please call the office for an appointment with Marie Dancy, the pastoral associate. Baptisms are usually planned for the last weekend of the month.

Marriage

Please contact the office to schedule marriage preparation with Fr. Paul.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is a process for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of themselves becoming a Catholic.

Funerals

The contact person for the deceased (or the funeral home) should connect with the office to schedule.

Planning ahead for funeral Mass celebrations is also available to all parishioners.

Faith Formation

We offer Faith Formation for all ages. Please see the website for current dates and programs.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00AM-3:00PM

Church Hours

The church will be locked for safety. You are welcome to spend time in the church for prayer during office hours! Please come into the office and someone will be happy to let you into the church.

Sanctuary Candle

Please contact the office to have the sanctuary candle lit in memory of, or for the intentions of, a loved one.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 12th
Vigil: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Nancy Beaulieu req by Norma & Paul Dion

Sunday, June 13th
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: For all parishioners

10:30AM: Shelia Hutchinson requested by the OLM
Ladies Guild

Monday, June 14th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Jack Kram requested by the Durkin family

Tuesday, June 15th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Andy Alvarez requested by the Coughlins

Wednesday, June 16th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Missy Durocher req by the Lamb family

Thursday, June 17th

No Mass

Friday, June 18th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30PM: Jean Gelinis requested by Muriel

Saturday, June 19th
Vigil: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: For all those living with Alzheimer's Disease

Sunday, June 20th
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Todd Clements requested by the family

10:30AM: For those living with Alzheimer's Disease
For all parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns the week of
June 12th - June 18th in memory of
Ken Beaupre, Sr.

June: Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Jesus said that from within Him would flow streams of living water (John 7:38), referring to the Holy Spirit. The water from the side of Christ on the cross was the water of salvation, the Holy Spirit.

In art the Sacred Heart is pierced, surmounted by a cross, and encircled with thorns. Light radiates from it to show that it is a burning furnace of love. The Heart of Christ summarizes the Paschal Mystery: the death and resurrection of Jesus, prompted by divine love.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart began in the 12th century. Saints Bonaventure, Gertrude, Catherine of Siena, and John Eudes were attracted to the Sacred Heart. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a sister in France, promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She had several visions of the Sacred Heart from 1673 to 1675. In 1675 on the Feast of Corpus Christi (the Body and Blood of Christ) Christ showed her His wounded heart and said, "Behold this heart burning with so great a love for men." In 1856 a feast in honor of the Sacred Heart was set for the Friday after the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart focuses not only on the love and mercy Jesus has for us but on reparation for sin. For example, in St. Margaret Mary's visions, Christ requested that a Communion of reparation be made on the first Friday of every month. We pray that our hearts may become like the Heart of Christ.



Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in You!
-from Loyolapress.com

Readings for the Week: June 13, 2021

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a;
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13;
Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29,
30-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41



FAITH FORMATION

Planting Seeds of Faith

Grades 1-5 At Home: Completed books **are due**. Please drop them at the office or in the collection bin in the main entrance of the church.

Families Grades 1-12: stay tuned for registration information coming out this month for the upcoming program year.

Ordinary Time: Anything but Ordinary

The word “ordinary,” typically denotes terms like “plain,” “regular,” “basic.” In the context of the Church season, Ordinary Time refers to Sundays outside of the Christmas and Easter seasons in numbered order. The name comes from the Latin term “Ordinalis,” meaning numbered or ruled. There is a rhythm to these days that keep us grounded in our Faith because it is a time to grow in relationship with God the Father, Jesus the Son, His mission, and our part in it, all through the Holy Spirit.

Green is the liturgical color of Ordinary Time. There is green in priestly vestments and church decor. It is the color of life and hope.

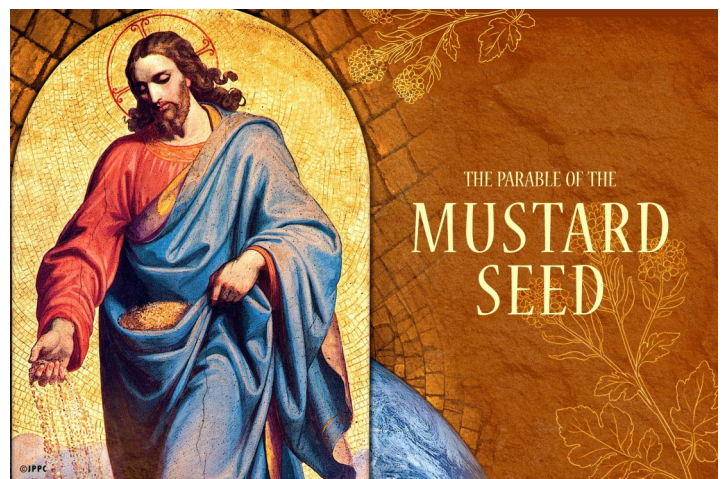
Ordinary Time is divided into two time periods. Following the Baptism of our Lord is the first period, which continues until Ash Wednesday. Pentecost Sunday starts the second period of Ordinary Time. This is the longest liturgical season, as it continues until Advent begins again.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops tells us that “Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery: the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time take us through the life of Christ. **This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ.** Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into the history until all things are finally caught up in Christ” (USCCB.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year).

We all fall into the trap of getting caught up in every day life including stress and worry. As we head into summer and move into the rhythm that is Ordinary Time, may we try to live the season fully by getting “caught up in Christ.”

Today’s Gospel consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is “how it is with the kingdom of God.” A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by His life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and His group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God’s kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus’s part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to 12 feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God’s kingdom welcoming and open.



These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and His kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. We know that it will come in its fullness. All we need is faith.

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Upcoming meetings

The Sanctuary Course: Tuesday, June 15 at 6:00PM in the church hall

Knitting Ministry: Thursday, June 17 at 12:00PM in the parish center

Wednesday People Update: We will take a meeting break for the summer and will resume in September.

Mark Your Calendar!

To show our support for this event, the 6th annual **Hot DogZ for ALZ** will take place on **June 24** from 11AM-7PM rain or shine (canopies and tents will be set up) in the OLM parking lot. \$5 for 2 dogz, chips, & a drink with 100% of the proceeds going to the Alzheimer's Association. Please join us!

workcampNE

We are excited to be hosting workcampNE this summer, **August 1-6**. There are opportunities for youth going into 8th grade or higher to serve our local community; for adult volunteers to support our youth in prayer, with evening meals, or guidance on projects; and for those who need a hand with projects at their home to be considered. Please see the website for sign-up links. Contact Deacon John or the office for more information. Make a difference! Be part of something important! Build friendships! Strengthen your faith!

Parish Stewardship

June 5 & 6 Weekend Masses: \$3426

Online giving for May: \$22,534.50

Thank you for your generosity!

Holy Father's Intentions for the June

The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: May they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience. Amen!

Life Matters Ministry

The Life Matters Ministry monthly handout is available in this weekend's bulletin and entrances to the church. This month's theme is **ENJOY LIFE**.

OLM Young Adult Group

Attention, young adults! Join us on **Sunday, June 27, at 12 pm** for a pizza luncheon following the 10:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Mercy to kick off the **OLM Young Adult Group**. Any young adult beyond high school is invited to attend. If you are wondering if you are still a "young adult," you are included so please come! The purpose of the group is to gather together with other Catholic young adults from the parish and surrounding area to grow in faith and community.

If you plan to attend or have any questions, please email Cindy at ccoughlin@olmnh.org so we can order enough pizza!

The Messy Family Project Video Series: God Wants Your Marriage & Family to Thrive!

Mike & Alicia Hernon of **The Messy Family Project** are dedicated to strengthening Catholic marriage and family life. They recently shared their wisdom with a group of New Hampshire couples, and great news: they've repurposed the talks so that even more people can benefit. So, **ready to enrich your family?**

Register for an upcoming weekly email series featuring special talks from Alicia & Mike by going to the webpage of the Diocese of Manchester: www.catholicnh.org/family2/family/family-life/video-series

Prayer for the end of the school year

We give thanks to God for all the teaching and learning, both in and out of the classroom;
For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced;
For the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that have been healed;
For the respect and care that has been given.
We give thanks for the friendships that have begun and for those that have grown;
For the faith that has been lived;
For the hope that lifted our hearts; and
For Your love that kept us going.
We give thanks, and we ask You, Lord, to bless students as they finish out the school year and bless families as they refresh over the summer; and pour out Your love so that we may all grow in faith this summer. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen!